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Kazakhstan hosts folklore concert to mark start of OSCE Chairmanship

VIENNA, 8 January 2010 - The new OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Kazakhstan's Secretary of State and Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev, will host a gala concert on Wednesday in Vienna to mark the start of Kazakhstan's OSCE Chairmanship.

The concert will be preceded by the presentation of the Austrian edition of the book "Kazakhstan's Way" by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and followed by a reception. The events are open to journalists.

On Thursday, Saudabayev will outline Kazakhstan's priorities for the Organization in 2010 at a session of the Permanent Council, one of the OSCE's main regular decision-making bodies. The speech will be preceded by the broadcast of a videotaped address by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

On Wednesday, 13 January, journalists are invited to the book presentation, set to start at 18:30 in the Hofburg Congress Centre's Antekammer Saal, and to the concert, set to start at 19:00 in the Festsaal.

On Thursday, 14 January, journalists are invited to a speech by Saudabayev set to start at 10:00. Photographers and camera operators can cover the speech from inside the Neuer Saal, 2nd floor. Due to space limitations, other journalists will view the speech on CCTV in a press centre set up in the Ratsaal, 5th floor.

Advance registration is required by sending an e-mail to press@osce.org indicating which events you plan to attend.

For admittance to the Hofburg Congress Centre (main entrance from the Heldenplatz, 1st district), please bring your OSCE press badge or a valid press card to the security desk. Parking is available for the press during the event in the OSCE-reserved parking area on Heldenplatz. Temporary parking permits must be collected from the security desk.

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